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Written Testimony for 3.14.22 Public Hearing on Gun Bills

Dear Co-Chair Winfield, Co-Chair Stafstrom, Vice Chair Flexer, Vice Chair Blumenthal, Ranking Member Kissel, Ranking Member Fishbein, and all members of the Judiciary Committee,

I'm writing to voice my requests that you **OPPOSE** both **SB16** and **HB5416**. These laws are written to restrict the law-abiding citizen who chooses to exercise his/her right to defend themselves. I absolutely believe crime needs to be addressed, we have an ongoing problem particularly with juveniles in this state. This series of proposed laws will only create more criminals while doing nothing to stop crime. Year after year you meet to discuss new legislation pertaining to gun laws and you do nothing to restrict crime. Your actions only impede the ability of law abiding citizens to restrict ownership. **We do not need additional gun control measures in the state of Connecticut.**

We do not have a crime epidemic with 'pre-ban' rifles or firearms with 'arm braces'. This proposed legislation is nothing more than grandstanding in an election year. Outlawing the mentioned firearms (and more) does nothing to stop crime in our state while attacking the rights of hundreds of thousands of permit holders statewide. I ask every one of you to step outside your box and fully educate yourself on gun safety. Learn hands on the actual differences of these proposed restrictions and the bearing it has on responsible gun owners.

In addition to **OPPOSING SB16 AND HB5416**, I fully **SUPPORT HB388, HB5415, AND HB5412**. I find it concerning that in a nation where lunatics are more frequently attacking places of worship, that we wouldn't join the rest of the nation in enabling citizens to defend themselves at these locations. Failure to address and pass these bills only shows Connecticut voters the true intentions of those who do not support these bills. **Support of HB5415** is equally important. Anyone who already possesses an 'assault weapon' must be able to transfer their 'assault weapons' to another individual who also owns these firearms. They have obviously proven themselves in the last decade as responsible firearm owners. Responsible gun ownership is a figure that is growing at record rates in this country and Connecticut is no exception.

Lastly, let's not forget that this is an election year, **anyone who votes in favor of these restrictions on law-abiding citizens will feel the full impact of our efforts as law-abiding citizens to VOTE YOU OUT OF OFFICE.**

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